

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method to pre-approve a bidder for network-based shopping, the method including:

receiving an authorization communication, over a network, at a network-based auction facility, the authorization communication to authorize the bidder to bid on a particular sale listing that is listed for sale by a seller; and

at the network-based auction facility, automatically recording the bidder as authorized to bid on the particular sale listing responsive to the authorization communication.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the network-based auction facility requires the seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder bids on the particular sale listing.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization communication includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the particular sale listing.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization communication includes allowing the seller to add and to remove an authorization restriction multiple times during an auction pertaining to the particular sale listing.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, including receiving a request communication, the request communication including a bidder request to the seller to request the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, including providing access, to the seller, to a bidding history associated with the bidder and profile information associated with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in determining whether to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the bidding history and the profile information are provided by the network-based auction facility.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular sale listing ~~includes at least one listing from a group of listings including~~ is selected from a group consisting of a charity listing, an events listing and a holiday promotions listing.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the network-based auction facility includes an auction web site.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein an authorization restriction requirement is displayed on a web page that includes information regarding the particular sale listing.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the particular sale listing.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to ~~be used to~~ purchase the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein if the bidder is within the predetermined geographic area then the bidder is allowed, by the network-based auction facility, to bid on the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and if the bidder is outside the predetermined geographic area then the bidder is prevented from bidding on the particular sale listing.

16. (Previously Presented) A method to pre-approve a buyer for network-based shopping, the method including:
receiving an authorization communication, over a network, at a network-based shopping facility
the authorization communication to authorize the buyer to buy a particular offering offered for sale by a seller; and
at the network-based auction facility, automatically recording the buyer as authorized to buy the particular offering responsive to the authorization communication.

17. (Previously Presented) A system to pre-approve a bidder for network-based shopping, the system including:
a communications module to communicate between a network-based auction facility and a seller;
and
an authorization module to record a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on a particular sale listing via the communication.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the authorization module requires the seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder bids on the particular sale listing.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the authorization communication includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the particular sale listing.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller can add and remove the pre-approval restriction multiple times during the auction pertaining to the particular sale listing.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the communication module is to receive a request communication, the request communication including a bidder request to the seller to request the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the communications module is to provide access, to the seller, to a bidding history associated with the bidder and profile information associated with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in determining whether to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the bidding history and the profile information are provided by the network-based auction facility.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the particular sale listing ~~includes at least one sales listing~~ is selected from a group of sales listings ~~including~~ consisting of a charity sales listing, an events sales listing and a holiday promotions sales listing.

26. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the network includes the Internet.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the network-based auction facility includes an auction web site.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein an authorization restriction requirement is displayed on a view item web page.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the particular sale listing.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to be used to purchase the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein if the bidder is within the predetermined geographic area then the bidder is allowed, by the network-based auction facility, to bid on the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and if the bidder is outside the predetermined geographic area then the bidder is prevented from bidding on the particular sale listing.

32. (Previously Presented) A system to pre-approve a buyer for network-based shopping, the system including:
a communications module to communicate between a network-based shopping facility and a seller; and
an authorization module to record a seller authorization of a buyer to buy a particular offering via the communication.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium ~~having stored thereon a set of storing instructions to translate instructions, the set instructions, which that~~, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to ~~perform a method to:~~
communicate between a network-based auction facility and a seller, the communication to
authorize a bidder to bid on a particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller; and
automatically record the bidder as authorized to bid on the particular sale listing responsive to the communication.

34. (Previously Presented) A system to pre-approve a bidder for network-based shopping including:

a first means for receiving a communication between a network-based auction facility and a seller; and

a second means for automatically recording a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on a particular sale listing responsive to the communication.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium ~~having stored thereon a set of~~ storing instructions ~~to translate instructions, the set of instructions, which that,~~ when executed by a processor, cause the processor to ~~perform a method to:~~

communicate between a network-based auction facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a buyer to buy a particular offering offered for sale by the seller; and

automatically record the buyer as authorized to buy the particular offering responsive to the communication.